Supreme Court Judgement in Peerless case

1082. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government have been drawn to the Supreme ourt Judgement report which appeared in the Business Standard dated 23rd January, 1987; and

(b) whether government have taken any action on the various criticisms and suggestions made by the Supreme ourt in its judgement, and if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Government have seen the news report which appeared in the Business Standard dated January 23, 1987 relating to the judgement of the Supreme Court in respect of Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited, Calcutta.

Reserve Bank of India has been asked to study the implications of the judgement of the Supreme Court and initiate such action as is considered necessary in the light of the judgement and the observations made therein.

Doordarshan serial 'Ramayana'

1083. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign countries have approached the Government of India to purchase television serial 'Ramayana' which is now being telecast by the Delhi Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir. The foreign telecast rights in respect of this serial do not vest in Doordarshan.

(b) Does not arise.

Properties valued more than Rs. 10 lakh acquired by government

1084. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have ecquired properties which were valued more than Rs. 10 lakhs in four metropolitan cities during the last three months; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is being laid on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 38].

Second T.V. Channel

1985. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the programmes telecast by the country's second T.V. channel are either leftovers, rejects or repeats;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no interesting serial, comedy or documentary is telecast on the second channel; and

(c) if so, what efforts are being made by the Government to make this channel also an interesting one?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise. However, pro-